

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
U. S. Appln. No. 09/987,650

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2003, and supplemental to the Rule 116 Response filed March 15, 2004, and the Advisory Action dated April 5, 2004, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that claims 1-9 and 19-30 are in condition for allowance. Applicant further submits that claims 20-22 remain generic. Therefore it is respectfully requested that the subject application be passed to issue at the earliest possible time, and that withdrawn claims 10-18 be rejoined in the application. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

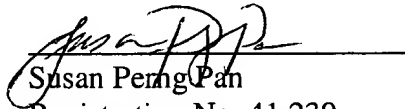
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